

# SAMPLE ADMISSION CRITERIA FOR COLLEGE ENTRANCE



## 5 Major Factors for College Admission

If your plans after graduation from high school include college, you should keep in mind the five major factors upon which college admission is based:

- Quality of your courses of study while in high school
- Grades earned in these courses and the resulting grade point average and class rank
- Test scores on the ACT and/or SAT tests
- Activities both in and out of school
- Letters of recommendation when appropriate

Admission requirements to colleges and universities vary greatly. Students should seek information about the colleges or universities they are interested in attending, to determine the exact requirements. Catalogs may be obtained from the college or your high school post graduate or counseling center.



## General College Requirements

The following colleges and universities are listed according to the levels of entrance difficulty developed by *Peterson's*, a leading provider of education data.

### Most Difficult

Examples: US Air Force Academy, Stanford, Harvard, Duke

*More than 75% of the freshman were in the top 10% of their high school class and scored over 1310 on the SAT I or over 29 on the ACT. About 30% or fewer of applicants were accepted.*

### Very Difficult

Examples: Colorado College, Colorado School of Mines, Pepperdine University, UCLA

*More than 50% of the freshman were in the top 10% of their high school class and scored over 1230 on the SAT I or over 26 on the ACT. About 60% or fewer applicants were accepted.*

### Moderately Difficult

Examples: University of Colorado/Boulder, University of Denver, Colorado State

*More than 75% of the freshman were in the top half of their high school class and scored over 1010 on the SAT I or over 18 on the ACT. About 85% or fewer applicants were accepted.*

### Minimally Difficult

Examples: Metropolitan State Mesa State, Johnson & Wales

*Most freshmen were not in the top half of their high school class and scored below 1010 on the SAT I or below 19 on the ACT. Up to 95% of the applicants were accepted.*



## Additional Post-Secondary Education Options

### Community Colleges

Examples: Arapahoe Community College, Community College of Denver

Offer Associate Degree and Certificate programs to prepare students for transfer to other colleges or for direct entry into the workforce.

*Open enrollment institutions for students, 17 years of age or older; Placement tests.*

### Apprenticeships

Example: Colorado Contractor's Association

Offer Journeyman Certificates and Associate's Degrees. Includes competency based registered apprenticeship programs in: carpentry, cement mason, heavy equipment, iron worker, truck mechanic.

Typically each program offers both on-the-job training and classroom experience through community colleges

*High school diploma or General Education Development (GED) certificate; At least 17 years old; Pre-qualifying tests; Interviews. Some programs will consider grade point averages in their selection procedures.*

### Technical Colleges

Example: DeVry University

Offer Associate's, Bachelor's and Master's Degree programs in business, technology, healthcare technology and management. Includes flexible scheduling, on-line learning options and faculty with industry experience.

*High School diploma or General Education Development (GED) certificate; At least 17 years old, A GPA of at least a 2.0; Some programs may require ACT or SAT scores; Placement exams*